

REMARKS

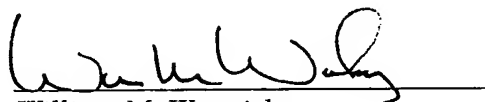
Claims 16 through 23 remain pending in the application. Claim 16 and 20 are the only independent claims present in the application. Claims 16 through 23 heretofore on file were allowed prior to filing of a Request for Continued Examination on even date.

Claims 16 and 20 have been amended to even more succinctly claim the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims and that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

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